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SUBJECT: WELCOME REPRIEVE FROM CRITICISM OF U.S. IN CYPRIOT PRESS

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1. TREATMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO SADAT ON LARNACA INCIDENT WAS MUTED IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS FEB 28. WHILE SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, THEY CHOSE TO INTERPRET IT FAVORABLY, FROMOC POINT OF VIEW, AS INDICATION U.S. MIGHT UNDERTAKE MEDIATORY ROLE IN RESTORING CYPRIOT-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. RIGHT-WING MAKHI COMMENTED THAT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HELPED TO DISPEL SHADOWS OVER CYPRUS-AMERICAN RELATIONS. ONLY COMMUNIST HARAVGHI WAS CRITICAL, SAYING PRESNDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO SADAT WAS "HOSTILE" TO CYPRUS, MR. VANCE'S TELEPHONE CALL NOTWITHSTANDING.

2. NEITHER GREEK CYPRIOT NOR TURKISH-CYPRIOT PRESS
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CARRIED OR COMMENTED ON WIRE SERVICE STORIES ON AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE STONE'S CONFIRMATION HEARING.

3. COMMENT: GENERALLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT GIVEN BY GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS TO VANCE-KYPRIANOU CONVERSATION AND GREATLY REDUCED MYTICISM OF U.S. OVER CARTER-SADAT MESSAGE REFLECT STRONG EFFORTS BY GOC TO LIMIT

THE DAMAGE. HOPE THAT U.S. MIGHT ASSIST IN MENDING
RELATIONS WITH EGYPT IS PROBABLY AN IMPORTANT FACTOR
IN GOC ATTITUDE. END COMMENT.
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